



Years of Saving Wild Lives



Patriotic Bald Eagle Rescue

On Friday, July 4th, 2014 we got a call of a downed Bald Eagle in a farm pasture. Staff went out to rescue the eagle to discover it had gotten into a manure pit and her feathers were so dirty and matted, so was unable to fly (a similar situation happens in a oil spill). After a full exam from staff and our vet, we were happy to discover there were no major trauma injuries, she just needed a really good bath. Several staff members and longtime volunteers teamed up to give the eagle a dawn bath. We wrapped the talons to make it safe to restrain the eagle. Dawn baths are given in stages, so we wash really good and rinse

extremely well since leaving soap residue to make the feather worse. We used large tubs for the stages of bath water and hosing to help rinse really well. In just a couple of days she no longer had matted dirty feathers and was able to start flying in our flight enclosure.

Food cost during stay - \$50